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SUBJECT: PERES PROPOSES ALLTERNATIVE PEACE PLAN

1. ALIGNMENT HEAD SHIMON PERES MADE PUBLIC
A NEW PEACE PLAN ON JUNE 12. HE PRESENTED IT FIRST TO
HIS PARTY'S KNESSET FACTION AND IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARD TO
THE PRESS ITS MAJOR POINTS ARE:
--TERRITORIAL COMPROMISE ON ALL THREE FRONTS, BUT
WITHOUT A RETURN TO THE 1967 BORDERS;
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--REJECTION OF A THIRD STATE BETWEEN THE JORDAN RIVER
AND MEDITERRANEAN (I.E., NO PALESTINIAN STATE ON
WEST BANK/GAZA);
--SOLUTION OF THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM WITHIN A
JORDANIAN/PALESTINAIN FRAMEWORK; AND
--MAINTENANCE OF THE UNITY AND INTEGRITY OF JERUSALEM.

2. PERES TOLD REPORTERS THAT THE ALIGNMENT WOULD HAVE REPLIED POSITIVELY TO THE AMERICAN QUESTIONS UNDER CONSIDERATION NOW BY THE BEGIN GOVERNMENT. HE SAID THAT, PUTTING THIS INTO OPERATIONAL LANGUAGE, THE ALIGNMENT'S POSITION REGARDING TERRITORIAL COMPROMISE IMPLIES THE APPLICATION OF RESOLUTION 242 ON THE EASTERN FRONT AND THE RIGHT OF THE PALESTINAINS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DETERMINATION OF THEIR FUTURE. BASED UPON THIS STAND, PERES BELIEVED THAT THE ALIGNMENT COULD COORDINATE ITS POSITIONS WITH THE USG. HE ALSO SUGGESTED THE UTILITY OF INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS. UNDER QUESTIONING BY THE PRESS, PERES STATED THAT TERRITORIAL COMPROMISE ALSO IMPLIES EVACUATION OF THE SINAI WITH GUARANTEES ON THE FUTURE OF THE SETTLEMENTS AND THE AIRFIELDS. NATURALLY, ACCORDING TO PERES, THERE WOULD BE A FULL AND CONTRACTUAL PEACE WITH EGYPT. THERE WOULD ALSO HAVE TO BE A DEMILITARIZATION OF THE WEST BANK AND THE PRESENCE OF THE IDF THERE. (SIC) PERES REJECTED DEALING WITH THE PLO UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

3. ACCORDING TO A CONTACT IN THE LABOR PARTY (ISRAEL GAT, DIRECTOR OF THE LABOR PARTY'S INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT). THE PEACE PLAN WAS DRAWN UP BY PERES AND AN INFORMAL GROUP OF ADVISERS. GAT DOWN-PLAYED ITS IMPORTANCE AS A MAJOR PARTY DOCUMENT OR DECLARATION. HE STATED THAT THE PLAN REFLECTS LABOR'S PLATFORM WITH APPROPRIATE UPDATING TO INCORPORATE THE LATEST CONCEPTS, E.G., THE ASWAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FORMULA.

4. ACCORDING TO MAARIV, MAPAM MK'S STRONGLY PROTESTED PERES' PRESENTATION OF THE PLAN IN THE ALIGNMENT'S NAME WITHOUT THOROUGH DISCUSSION WITHIN THE ALIGNMENT. CONSEQUENTLY, MAPAM SPOKESMEN DISASSOCIATED THEMSELVES FROM THE PERES STATEMENT AND DECLARED THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE BOUND BY IT SINCE IT DID NOT CONTAIN MAPAM'S RESERVATIONS ON VARIOUS ISSUES.

5. COMMENT: AS GAT POINTED OUT, THERE IS NOTHING SUBSTANTIALLY NEW IN THE PLAN. ALL THE SAME IT IS AN ATTEMPT TO PUT LABOR ON THE RECORD AT THIS CRITICAL JUNCTURE WHILE THE CABINET DEBATES THE AMERICAN QUESTIONS. IN TRYING TO STEAL SOME PUBLICITY FROM THE CABINET'S DELIBERATIONS, LABOR IS REMINDING THE ISRAELI PUBLIC THAT IT WOULD HAVE NO TROUBLE WITH THE AMERICAN QUESTIONS AND GETTING THE PEACE PROCESS BACK IN GEAR. LEWIS

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